

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

**Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An apparatus is provided for outputting a laser beam ~~includes, including~~ a laser beam source and laser beam diameter adjusting means for adjusting ~~a~~ the diameter of a beam incident from the laser beam source. The apparatus also includes laser beam reflecting direction controlling means for controlling ~~a~~ the reflecting direction of the beam incident from the laser beam diameter adjusting means, and recording means for recording information data in accordance with the diameter of the beam incident from the laser beam reflection direction controlling means.